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STATE FOR AF/C BLODGETT

PASS EXIM BANK FOR HUBER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELTN, BEXP, CM

SUBJECT: PDG REGIFERCAM VISITING U.S.

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 504, (B) STATE 29256, (C) 75 STATE 79665

1. CONSULATE HAS JUST ISSUED VISA PRESIDENT DIRECTOR GENERAL GILBERT NTANG, REGIE NATIONALE DES CHEMINS DE FER DU CAMEROUN (NATIONAL RAILROAD), WHO IN COMPANY HENRI LEYRAT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR STUDIES VISITING M. BRANDRETH TRANSPORT SECTION, WORLD BANK FROM FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 8. THEY WILL BE STAYING MAYFLOWER HOTEL. HUBER HAS MET LEYRAT.

2. WHILE RAILROAD EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION DID NOT MEET NTANG, BELIEVE SOME MET LEYRAT. KNOW MCGOUGH OF CAM INDUSTRIES FOLLOWED UP HIS CONTACT AND HAVE FURNISHED NTANG COPIES HIS BROCHURES.

3. MUST EMPHASIZE THIS NOT FOREIGN BUYERS PROGRAM SINCE THEY BASICALLY REVIEWING STATUS PLANS AND LOANS WITH WORLD BANK, BUT BELIEVE VISIT OFFERS OPPORTUNITY U.S. COMPANIES CONTACT HIGHEST CAMEROONIAN RAILROAD
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OFFICIALS AND INDICATE WHAT THEY PREPARED OFFER SUPPORT

CAMEROONIAN RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT AS ALTERNATIVE
TRADITIONAL SUPPLY SOURCES AND IN VIEW FACT U.S.G.
NOT SUPPORTING CURRENT EXPANSION PROGRAM.

4. HAVE GIVEN NTANG NAME AF/C BLODGETT IN EVENT HE
REQUIRES FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE. HOPE LOW-KEY
COORDINATED APPROACH MAY ASSIST ACHIEVE MARKET
PENETRATION THIS IMPORTANT ECONOMIC SECTOR.

5. AFTER WASHINGTON VISIT NTANG EXPECTED ATTEND MEETING
AFRICAN UNION OF RAILROADS AT ADDIS ABABA MARCH 8-14.

6. ADVISE IF FURTHER INFO REQUIRED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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